Sadly, on Monday, February 13, 2023, Jesse Treviño passed away after a battle with cancer. He was 76 years old.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise in honor of the late Jesse Treviño, an American hero who used his gift of art to heal from the horrors of the Vietnam War and memorialize the Chicano culture that was dear to him. San Antonio was his canvas, and our city is blessed to have his artistry displayed throughout our neighborhoods.

I am grateful to share Jesse Treviño's legacy with the rest of the Nation. May he Rest in Peace.

HONORING NADEGE B. JEAN-PAUL AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH

## HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 17, 2023

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Nadege B. Jean-Paul is an EEO/Diversity & Inclusion Assistant at the Veteran's Healthcare Administration (VHA) Orlando Veteran's Administration (VA) Healthcare System. Ms. Jean-Paul began her VHA/VA career in May 2016 in the Medical Administration Service (MAS) as a Medical Support Assistant (MSA). In June 2018, she graduated with a "Stepping with PRIDE" Leadership Development Program certificate from the VISN 8 VA Sunshine Healthcare Network. Ms. Jean-Paul has proudly served as a federal employee for seven and a half years. Prior to joining the VA, Ms. Jean-Paul worked for the Holy Cross Hospital in Fort Lauderdale. Florida from 2011 to 2016 as the Assisting Supervisor in the Outpatient and Radiology Department.

In 2015, she was recognized by the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs for Outstanding Accomplishments in the Field of Religion. She is a graduate of Florida Atlantic University where she earned a bachelor's degree in Health Services with a major in Health Administration. In December 2005, she was appointed as a Deaconess of the Church of The Living and Holy God in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. In 2022, she completed a seven-week Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Workplace certificate training course at the University of South Florida Muma College of Business. Ms. Jean-Paul was the Editor in Chief of the "EEO In the Know" Diversity and Inclusion Newsletter for the Orlando VA Healthcare System. In May 2022, she was selected for the National VHA Diffusion Academy for her contributions to the Diversity and Inclusion Advocate Program innovation project.

Ms. Jean-Paul has a passion for serving others with integrity, respect, and advocates for diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility in the workplace.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MICHELE **JENKINS** 

## HON. MIKE GARCIA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Friday, February 17, 2023

Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life, memory, and service of Michele Jenkins, a loving mother, generous friend, and selfless servant of her community. A resident of the Santa Clarita Valley since 1964, Michele dedicated herself to bettering the lives of others through decades of service.

After graduating from William S. Hart High School, Michele attended the College of the Canyons before receiving a bachelor's degree from UCLA and a master's degree from the University of North Dakota. Grateful for the opportunities she had received as part of College of the Canyon's 1969 inaugural class, Michele was elected by the community to serve on college's Board of Trustees in 1984.

Michele remained on the board until her passing earlier this month, making her the Board of Trustees' longest-serving member. During this time, Michele served 6 terms as president, 5 as vice president, and 7 as clerk. Michele also participated in numerous groups and committees for the Board and led robust fund-raising efforts for the college. Among one of her most notable and lasting impacts on the board was her role in spearheading the effort to hire Dr. Dianne Van Hook as COC Chancellor. From 1988 onwards, Michele and Dr. Van Hook would work closely together to successfully transform the College of the Canyons from a local community college into a renowned institution which educates 20,000 Californians every year.

While her work with COC was the cornerstone of her life in public service, Michele's giving back to the community did not begin and end with the college. She also helped start the Santa Clarita Valley chapter of the League of Women Voters, as well as the local branch of the American Association of University Women. Additionally, Michele received the Single Mother's Outreach award for her efforts to support single parents. In what time remained, Michele enjoyed entertaining others, especially COC faculty and staff, and most importantly, spending time with her family.

While she will be dearly missed, Michele's impact on her family, the College of the Canyons, and the Santa Clarita Valley will not be forgotten. We will continue to honor Michele's incredible life and keep the Jenkins family in our prayers.

OBSERVING NATIONAL DEVELOP-MENTAL DISABILITIES AWARE-NESS MONTH

## HON. LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 17, 2023

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. While those with developmental disabilities in Delaware and around the country should be seen and heard throughout the year, we need to take this month to learn and become more aware of the issues facing these Americans.

As of last year, 186,592 Delawareans were living with a disability and, of those living with a disability, it is estimated that 1.8 percent, or 3,359 Delawareans, are living with a developmental disability. While major strides have been made in making facilities, services, and opportunities accessible, Americans with disabilities—especially those with developmental disabilities—are still marginalized.

Americans with developmental disabilities face significant inequities. According to the Delaware Developmental Disabilities Council, Delawareans with developmental disabilities face experience higher rates of obesity, diabetes, and pregnancy complications, as well as an increased risk of adverse outcomes from COVID-19. People with developmental disabilities also face adversity from unconscious and conscious biases. And accessibility remains a significant issue that requires more attention.

It is for those reasons that National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month is so important. Since it was first observed in 1987. National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month has helped spark a national conversation about addressing these issues. This March, we must recommit to gaining a better understanding of developmental disabilities, and to making our country accessible and equitable for all.

RECOGNIZING CAPTAIN ALLEN C. BRADY, UNITED STATES NAVY, RETIRED

## HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 17, 2023

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Captain Allen C. Brady, United States Navy, Retired, on the selfless life he has led during some of the most historical and pivotal moments of the past century. He has engaged in and witnessed events that have shaped our country, and his sacrifices in defense of our Nation and our freedoms cannot

His willingness to stand ready through nearly 30 years of service, his resolve during 2,237 days of captivity and torture in North Vietnam, and his selflessness in continuing his leadership and passing on his experience to junior ranks following his release, is nothing short of exemplary.

On behalf of the entire Northwest Florida community and a grateful Nation, I would like to thank Captain Brady for his years of faithful service, devotion to duty, and commitment to excellence. His journey is one that will resound for years on what makes this country great

For all he did for his country. I am truly proud to have Captain Brady as a constituent in Florida's First Congressional District.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize Captain Allen C. Brady for his accomplishments and commitment to this country. I thank him for his service and offer my warmest regards and best wishes to him and his family.